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31 GEORGE DENT[5] ALEXANDER (Gerard[4], Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]) died without lawful issue. His will bears date September 15, 1777.

32 GERARD[5] ALEXANDER (Gerard[4], Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]) married, it is said, Elizabeth Ashton, daughter of Col. William Alexander, of Effingham, and his wife Sigismunda Mary Massey, born December 22, 1773, and had issue 39 Edward, 40 Philip, 41 Frances, 42, Henry, 43 Henrietta, 44 Sigismunda, 45 Sally, 46 Nancy, 47 Mary, 48 Gibbons. (*Hayden.*)

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## WOODSON FAMILY.

In the Richmond *Standard* for January 17, 1880, and article appeared on the *Woodson Family,* prepared by Mr. R. A. Brock, of Richmond city, from data furnished him by various correspondents. The editor proposes to publish a new account based as far as practicable on the county records and other contemporary authorities, giving dates, etc. But it is fair to say that Mr. Brock's account, though apparently chiefly traditional, and without dates, has been found so *trustworthy* that, where the editor has found nothing in conflict with the statement, he has reprinted Mr. Brock's statement just as he has found it, indicating the same by quotations.

In the census of the inhabitants for Virginia taken in 1625, 1 JOHN WOODSON and Sarah his wife are mentioned as living at *Flower de Hundred,* or, as it was sometimes called, *Peirsey's Hundred,* on the south side of James River, in what is now Prince George county. They came to Virginia in the ship *George* in the year 1619. (Hotten's *Emigrants to Virginia.*)

According to tradition, John Woodson came from Devonshire. Owing to the loss of records, we have nothing further till about 1679, when 2 *Robert*[2] *Woodson* and 3 *John*[2] *Woodson,* brothers, appear among the tithables of *Curls,* a plantation on the north side of James River, above Flower de Hundred. Presumably they were sons of John Woodson and Sarah his wife.

According to his deposition, 2 ROBERT[2] WOODSON was born in 1634. "He married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Ferris." There is a grant of land, 21 October, 1687, to Mr. Robert Woodson, Mr. Richard Ferris, Mr. Giles Carter, William Ferris and Roger Comins for 1785 acres, at White Oak Swamp, on north

side of James River, in the parish of Varina. Issue: 4 *John,* 5 *Robert,* 6 *Richard,* 7 *Joseph,* 8 *Benjamin,* 9 "Elizabeth," married William Lewis. In 1707, Robert Woodson, Sr., of Henrico, made a deed to his grandsons, William and Joseph Lewis. There is a nuncupative will of William Lewis, who mentions his sons William and Joseph, names wife Adding, perhaps second wife. 10 Sarah married Edward Moseley. In 1689, Robert Woodson made a deed to daughter Sarah, wife of Edward Moseley. 11 Mary married George Payne, and had (1) Josias, born October 30, 1705, (2) George, born November 21, 1707, (3) Robert, born November 16, 1709, (4) John, born December 4, 1713. (*Douglas Register.*) 12 "Judith married William Cannon." The Cannon family must not be confounded with Kennon family, sometimes pronounced *Cannon.* John Woodson, Sr., names in his will (1684) the four youngest sons of his brother Robert, viz., Robert, Richard, Joseph and Benjamin, and also cousin John Woodson. Cousin meant *nephew* in the seventeenth century.

4 JOHN[3] WOODSON (Robert[2], John[1]) was the "cousin" (nephew) John Woodson named in the will of John Woodson, Sr. He was a merchant and married Judith, daughter of Stephen Tarleton, of New Kent county.

Charles Van der Veer Woodson wrote to Mr. Brock that he had a looking-glass, framed in walnut, which bears the following inscription: "This glass belonged to Stephen Tarleton, who was my great-grandfather, and died in the year 1687. I have had the present frame put on it this 14th of December, 1794.—Charles Woodson." In 1712, Judith Woodson relinquished her dower rights in land deeded by her husband, John Woodson, merchant, of the parish and county of Henrico. He made his will in 1715, and was dead in 1716. Issue: 13 *Tarleton,* 14 *John,* 15 *Robert, Jr.,* 16 *Josiah,* 17 *Stephen,* 18 *Jacob,* 19 *Judith,* "married Stephen Cox." The will of Stephen Cox was proved in Cumberland January 5, 1743, and names wife Judith and children Stephen, William, Josiah and Judith. 20 Elizabeth, married "John Pleasants, of Pickanockie."

The will of 14 John Woodson (approved in Goochland May 21, 1754) mentions the land his father, John Woodson, gave to his children, John, Robert, Josiah, Stephen, Judith and Elizabeth Woodson.

13 TARLETON WOODSON (John[3], Robert[2], John[1]) made a deed

in 1721 in Henrico county to William Randolph for land conveyed by Nathaniel Bacon to his grandfather, Robert Woodson, in 1674. In 1735 he presented in Henrico court an account of his deceased father's estate. "He married Ursula, daughter of Charles Fleming, of New Kent county." His will was dated in Chesterfield county December 4, 1761, and names six children, 21 *Charles,* 22 *Tarleton,* 23 Susanna Pleasants, married "John Pleasants, of Pickanockie." 24 Sarah Terrill, "wife of Henry Terrill." 25 Mary Pleasants, married "John Pleasants, of Henrico." 26 Judith Cheadle, married "Thomas Cheadle," had issue George, named in will of father.

21 CHARLES WOODSON (Tarleton[4], John[3], Robert[2], John[1]) "married, first, Mary, daughter of John Pleasants, whose second wife was Mary, sister of said Charles Woodson; married, second, Agnes, widow of Samuel Richardson and daughter of Joseph Parsons. Issue by Mary Pleasants. 27 Charles married Ann Trotter, and had issue, (1) Ann (2) Sarah, (3) Mary, (4) Elizabeth. Issue by Agnes Parsons, 28 George, married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Friend. Issue, (1) Margaret, (2) Caroline, (3) Charles F., married Ann Thomas, daughter of Dr. Goodridge Watson, Sr., of Prince Edward county, and moved to Missouri. 29 *Tarleton,* 30 Frederick, captain First Virginia State Regiment. 31 Agnes, married John Ellyson. 32 Sarah, married James Clark. She afterwards married Archibald Bolling, of Campbell Co. 33 Caroline Matilda, married Thomas Fleming Bates, and had (1) Edward Bates, attorney-general United States from Missouri. (2) Frederick, (3) James Woodson, (4) Tarleton, (5) Charles, (6) Fleming." 34 Ursula, married Francis Luddington.

22 TARLETON[5] WOODSON (Tarleton[4], John[3], Robert[2], John[1]), "served as major in the Continental line during the Revolution. He was made prisoner by the enemy in New York, where, as stated, he married. After the war he settled in Prince Edward county, which he frequently represented in the Legislature. He also served as major-general in the State Militia. He married Anne Van der Veer, of New York, and had issue, Charles, born 1781; died 1838; major in the war of 1812. Married Nancy Jackson, of Prince Edward county, and had issue, Mary Thompson, who married Nathaniel Venable; Tarleton, Frederick, Charles, Van der Veer, Anne Van der Veer, Elizabeth Jackson."

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